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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
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PATENT

Applicant:	Randall W. Nelson et al.	Docket No.:	41821.0237
Serial No.:	09/808,275	Examiner:	Gary W. Counts
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 15, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.